

had a short talk with her. at Murphy's. She received the man of news very cordially and expressed admiration for the full reports of the pending trial. She said the new developments of the day were no surprise to her. She is looking for more, and some of them she thinks may necessitate her presence in Richmond for a longer time than she had expected to stay when she came from Philadelphia. She intends to remain as long as necessary.

The Mayor's Mail.

Mayor McCarthy yesterday received a letter from Philadelphia from Charles A. Brown, who styles himself the grand ruler of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, Mr. Brown says that Burton was expelled from that order on account of his financial transactions with the circle. Mayor McCarthy's mail is greatly enlarged by the many letters he gets concerning the case.

The Mayor was in fine spirits yesterday. Said he, speaking to The Times-Dispatch man: "Didn't I tell you ten days ago that before this thing was over I would convince you and everybody else that I was not such a rattle-brain fool as some people in this town were disposed to think I was?"

Detective Gibson yesterday went before Justice Crutchenfeld and swore out a warrant against Burton, charging him with another misdemeanor. Just when this warrant will be served, if ever, will depend upon the future developments. There are four more warrants in the hands of the officers now, charging the accused man with obtaining money under false pretenses, warrants that were sworn out at the same time as the one which is now being tried on the appeal from Justice Crutchenfeld's decision. It is not yet known what will become of these documents.

Trial Resumed To-day.

The trial before Judge Witt and the Hustings Court jury, which was commenced Thursday, will be resumed at 10 o'clock this morning.

Of the many witnesses originally summoned by the Commonwealth, only two remain to be examined. When court adjourned Thursday night, Rev. Mr. Weston, who was the first witness examined in the case, had been recalled, and will resume the witness stand when court meets this morning. Others of the original list will be recalled and new witnesses for the Commonwealth may be summoned, but it is not likely. The testimony yet to be introduced by the Commonwealth will be along the same lines as that already brought out.

Nobody except the counsel knows how many witnesses the defense will call. Probably very few, and one thing that is believed to be certain is that the alleged Mrs. Burton and Misses Hamersly and Edwards will not be on the list.

The case will probably be concluded to-day.

MAJ. POWHATAN ELLIS.

Death Late Last Night of This Honored Richmond Man.

Major Powhatan Ellis died at 11:30 o'clock last night at his residence, 207 West Franklin Street, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, after a long illness.

In the death of Major Ellis Richmond loses one of her oldest and most prominent citizens, and the South one of its ablest defenders during the Civil War. Major Ellis was born the youngest son of Charles Ellis in Richmond, June 21, 1829. He was an alumnus of the University of Virginia. Before the war he moved to Kentucky, whence he entered the Confederate army, in which he served with great gallantry and distinction as adjutant general to Generals Polk, Tligman, Forrest and Stephen D. Lee.

Returning to Virginia after the war he became a familiar figure in Richmond for many years. He had a host of friends, who will mourn a gallant soldier and a true Virginia gentleman of the old school. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

WALLING NOT ARRESTED.

Story Given Out in New York Denied at St. Petersburg.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, January 19.—The correspondent of the Associated Press at St. Petersburg, having been queried concerning the reported arrest of Wm. Ellis Walling in that city for revolutionary activities, telegraphed to-day that Mr. Walling has not been arrested and that the report to that effect is without foundation.

The Associated Press received the statement that Mr. Walling had been arrested from a Russian newspaper, yesterday the Jewish Daily Forward, yesterday and accepted it as correct.

MARRY IN MICHIGAN.

Mr. Upsher, Formerly of This City, Takes a Bride.

Mr. L. L. Upsher, formerly of Richmond, was married at Manistee, Mich., on January 18th, to Miss Doris C. Despres. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by a wedding reception at the home of Mr. Thomas Despres, the bride's father. The bride's gown was of crystal crepe over silk applique. She was attended by her sister, Miss Lily, who acted as maid of honor, and wore a gown of gray peau de crepe, in princess style. Mr. J. H. Cranford acted as best man. Mr. Upsher is engaged as bookkeeper for the Central Printing Company and has, for the past two years, been in the West.

Mary C. Kerse.

Mrs. Mary C. Kerse, of 2612 East Grace Street, wife of Sergeant James H. Kerse, died yesterday. She leaves two children—Thomas and Marie.

The funeral will be announced later.

Mattie W. MacLelland.

Miss Mattie W. MacLelland, daughter of the late B. W. and Mary E. MacLelland, formerly of King and Queen county, died at 10:45 P. M. yesterday at her home, 60 North Sixth Street.

The funeral notice will be announced later.

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MITCHELL HARD ON WESTERN MINERS

Severely Arraigns Federation in Opposing the Acceptance of Cards.

RACE QUESTION CROPS UP

Proposition to Give the Negroes Representation in Unions.

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., January 19.—The convention of the United Mine Workers of America to-day continued consideration of resolutions. One of the most important taken up was a resolution favoring the acceptance of transfer cards from the Western Federation of Miners, in lieu of initiation fee. The proposition was lost by a decisive vote after President Mitchell had sharply arraigned the Western Federation, charging the officers with trying to destroy the miners' union.

"When the federation stops its efforts to tear us down, and stops sending its members to take the places of our striking miners, as it did in Colorado, it will then be time enough to consider this proposition. Let them stop taking our jobs."

The race question was up a few minutes in the discussion of a resolution providing that local unions with large memberships, where there are one hundred or more colored members, shall be entitled to send one colored delegate, and if the white vote in the local union is in the majority, that they cannot debar the colored members representation.

The convention voted \$1000 for the relief of the families of the victims of the Paint Creek, W. Va., colliery disaster.

President Mitchell to-day expressed the opinion that the anthracite matter will not come before the present convention.

APPROVE SENATE.

Thought This Body Acted Wisely in Not Ordering Inquiry.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19.—There is a general feeling among Senators that the action of that body in refusing to investigate the election of Mrs. Morris from the White House was wise.

This is true of Democrats as well as Republicans, though eight of the former voted against Senator Daniel's motion yesterday to lay on the table Senator Morris's resignation for an investigation. There is said to be scarcely a Republican in the Senate who does not disapprove of the course of the President in refusing to investigate the conduct of Assistant Secretary Barnes, who had the woman thrown out, but they do not think the Senate or either branch of the executive department should investigate.

Wm. Hart Tompkins.

Mr. William Hart Tompkins died at his residence, 311 North Twenty-second Street, January 18th, at 5 A. M., of a complication of diseases. He was fifty-two years of age.

Mr. Tompkins was a native of Illinois, N. Y., but had made Richmond his home for the past seventeen years. He was prominent in fraternal orders, having been a member of Unity Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F., Syracuse Lodge, No. 5, K. of P., and Burdick Grove, No. 1, United Ancient Order of Druids. He was a consistent member of Hope Memorial Church, and had been since its organization.

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Best Paper Full of Best Things for the Best People.

GENERAL WRIGHT WILL GO TO JAPAN

(Continued from First Page.)

In Congress some years back, used to frank his laundry home every week and have it done up by the family washerwoman, and then have it franked back to him, thus escaping exorbitant city laundry bills. It is reported also that an Indiana member of Congress some years ago tried to frank a cow through the mails, but was held up.

It was discovered yesterday that a member of Congress from a Southern State had actually franked from Washington to his home a large book-case. The fact was brought out, and he went to the department and paid the postage, which amounted to a few cents more than \$72. Hereafter he will probably patronize the express companies more freely.

It should be stated, however, that members and senators are in the main very conscientious in the use of the privilege which allows them the free use of the mails. Public documents and letters concerning the public business are unstamped, but private communications almost always bear the ordinary postage.

Honest Man or Crook.

Officials of the Treasury Department are in doubt whether they have discovered the most honest man in the United States or a great big crook who is waiting for a chance to make a heavy haul. A letter was received at the department to-day from a man in Union, S. C., who did not sign any name, inclosing the sum of four cents, which, he said, he had stolen from the government four years ago, and that the theft had caused him so much mental anguish that he felt the need of making it good. The four cents went to the conscience fund. This fund is added to nearly every day. About a year ago the clerk opening department mail nearly fainted when he slit open an envelope and took therefrom a roll of bills, "big enough to choke a cow," as he expressed it.

The letter contained a note addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury saying the writer had suffered such torture by reason of violation of conscience in having stolen the sum that he desired to pay back all he had taken. But four cents is the smallest sum that has ever been refunded the government.

Rural Delivery Decision.

Representative Lamb has just gotten from the Postoffice Department a decision on a peculiar case, involving interpretation of the postal laws as applied to the rural free delivery service. It seems that a man near Tunstall's, in New Kent county, wishing to communicate with a neighbor, wrote him a letter and dropped it in his rural delivery box, which was some distance from his house. The carrier came along and took up the letter, and left it with the postmaster at the office from which the route started. This official notified the addressee that the letter was being held for the payment of two cents postage. The man to whom the letter was written, protested that he should not be required to pay, as the letter was put into his own box by the writer, and that the carrier had no right to take it up.

But the Department held that every letter when placed in a rural delivery box is mail matter and comes within the law requiring the pre-payment of postage. The action of the carrier in taking it from the box and of the postmaster in holding it for the payment of postage are upheld. The practice of dropping notes to rural people in their delivery boxes is said to be quite common. They should be stamped, or they will be held by the proper postmaster until the postage is paid.

Mr. L. J. Robinson, of King William county, an old friend of Capt. Lamb's, has written him, indorsing the Representative's recent declaration in favor of the use of the hickory as a preventive of hazing. "I thank you for recommending the hickory switch for boys," he says. "It has been a great comfort to me and now I am safe, as my wife will not chide me for using it."

Virginians As Orators.

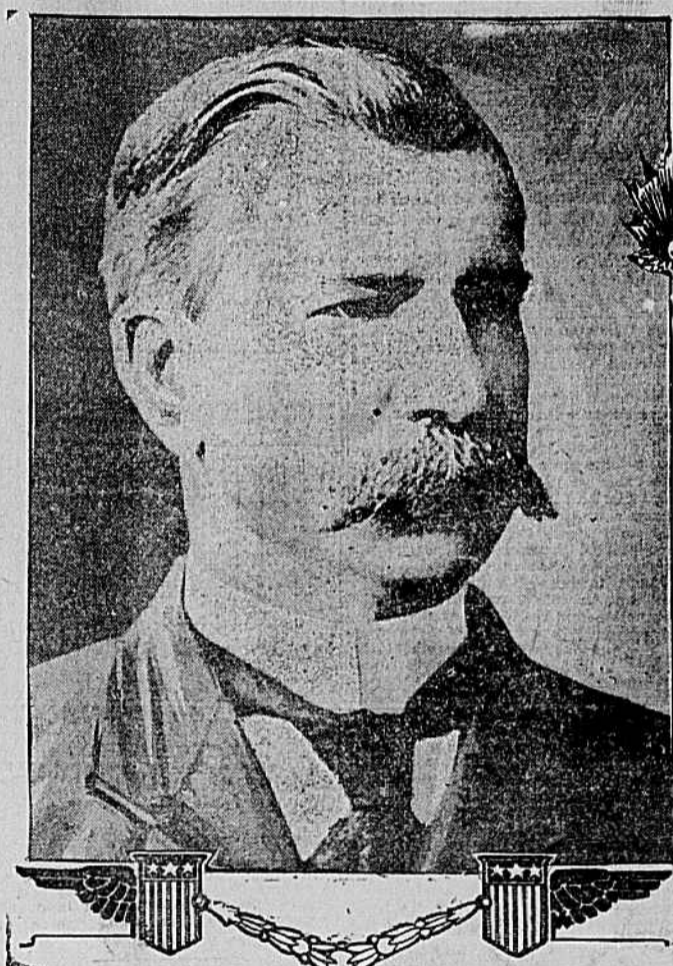
Senator Daniel and Representatives Lamb and Jones went to Baltimore to-day in response to an invitation from the Maryland Society of Confederate Soldiers and Sailors, to be its guests at the annual dinner, given in celebration of the anniversary of the birth of General Lee. The Senator and the two Representatives were to make addresses. Representative Rixey and Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, went to Leesburg to-day, where they attended a dinner given by the Confederate camp of that place in honor of the birth of General Lee. Mr. Rixey and Representative Champ Clark, as well as Senator Blackburn, are the guests of the Alexandria veterans at the elaborate tonight.

B. W. Andrews, of Loudoun county, has written Senator Daniel, asking him to aid him in securing payment for a horse taken from him by General Sherman's army in the summer of 1865. Mr. Andrews had surrendered at Appomattox, and was working as a teamster in the army camp through on its way from the South to Washington for disbandment. Mr. Andrews wants to be paid \$125. The chances are he will not receive a penny.

REFORM IS URGED IN USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

House Devotes Long Session to Discussion of Deficiency Appropriations.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, January 19.—Reform in the matter of making deficiency appropriations agitated the House to-day.



GENERAL LUKE E. WRIGHT, present Governor-General of the Philippines, who will be first ambassador to Japan.

and the entire time of the five-and-a-quarter-hour session was devoted to the discussion with the exception of a short speech for free rides by Mr. Perkins, of New York.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was being considered under the general debate ordered, and Mr. Littauer, of New York, in charge of the bill, set the pace by pointing out the failure of the legislation of last year to curb heads of departments in their demands for deficiency supplies. He explained the more stringent measure recommended in the bill, and said that several requests for money had been refused by the committee.

The one specific illustration of the need for reform, which was cited, was the appropriation of \$2,615 for a portrait of ex-Attorney-General Knox, which Attorney-General Moody had paid for out of the contingent fund of the Department of Justice, and for which the bill makes provision to reimburse. Under the new limitations this use of the contingent fund will not be permitted. This view of the case was acquiesced in by Mr. Brundidge, of Arkansas; Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, and Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York, all minority members of the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Burton, of Ohio, concluded the debate for the day with general observations on the necessity of closer guard of the expenditure of the revenues of the government. General debate on the bill will proceed to-morrow.

THE COTTON REPORTS

Secretary Wilson Defends Course of His Department.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19.—Secretary Wilson, referring to the report of the Keop Commission to-day declared that many of the changes suggested by the commission actually had been made in the department, and were now and had been for a long time in force. He declared that the increased sphere of usefulness of the State agents was no new idea, as it had originated in his department and he needed only the necessary additional appropriation to put it into effect. The proposition, however, to draw away the \$5,000 agents and correspondents, he said, was radical, and one which needed careful consideration. He pointed with pride to the small fractions of differences between the departments and estimates of the production of cotton and those of the Census Bureau based on the figures reported by the planters. Secretary Wilson said he had about determined upon a prominent Southern man for appointment to the vacancy on the board created by the death of Mr. Hutchins.

INDICTMENTS ARE READ IN GAYNOR-GREENE CASE

(By Associated Press.) SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 18.—The reading of indictments in the Federal Court to-day consumed the session in the Greene and Gaynor trial. Upon the convening of court Judge Spear appointed Hope Thomas of Quitman as foreman of the jury. The reading of the four indictments upon which the defendants are upon trial for conspiracy, subornation and receiving funds of the United States known to have been embezzled, was then begun. All the details of the case of great length and attorneys conducting the prosecution in alternate reading the various counts. At the conclusion the court adjourned to to-morrow.

TO BE FIRST WEDDING IN THE CHINESE LEGATION.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19.—It is learned that an engagement exists between the daughter of the Chinese minister, Sir Cheng-Tung Liang Cheng, and Mr. Jen, a young student at Amherst College, in Massachusetts. Miss Liang Cheng is only eighteen, and has been kept in comparative seclusion in the Chinese legation. The engagement has existed several years, but the marriage will not take place until Mr. Jen finishes his education. It is scheduled to take place at the Chinese legation here, in which case it will be the first ceremony of the kind ever held in Washington.

Shetland Ponies.

In response to inquiries from the United States about Shetland ponies, Consul Higginson of Dundee, furnishes information that will interest those who are fond of these animals. The facts presented by Consul Higginson were obtained from Consul Agent Murray, of Aberdeen, in whose district the Shetland Isles are included. It appears that the breeding of Shetland ponies is a very important industry in the Shetland Islands, and that the ponies are of a very superior quality. The ponies are of a very small size, but are of a very hardy and active nature. They are of a very dark color, and are very well adapted for the purpose of riding.

An analysis of the sales shows that mature ponies of good form bring high prices, ranging from \$200 to \$500. For inferior grades the prices are proportionately lower. The blood is of acknowledged merit. It would seem that the animal sales at Earlsfield could be profitably used by Americans who wish to establish in this country a breed of Shetland ponies. The ponies exhibited at the sales are models of beauty, and their performance in the riding shows a trotting action and good speed for their size.

Mr. Mackenzie, in a letter to Consul Agent Murray, states that the price of ponies ranges from \$200 to \$500. The ponies are of a very superior quality, and are very well adapted for the purpose of riding. The ponies are of a very small size, but are of a very hardy and active nature. They are of a very dark color, and are very well adapted for the purpose of riding.

Man and Wife.

The snow was falling. The day was still and gray and cold. Dr. Parkhurst, shaking the white flakes from his shoulders, said: "I have just witnessed an instructive happening—a happening that might teach us why some marriages do not succeed."

A group of boys danced like imps on a corner. They had snowballs in their hands. As soon as the married couple had passed them they let drive. "But only the woman was struck. She got two heavy blows about the head and face. Every snowball, somehow, missed the man."

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Town Topics Uncomplimentary to Oliver Belmont After He Refused to Subscribe.

PLEASANT WORDS FOR PERRY

He is Said to Have "Given Up." Col. Mann Shown Not to Have Good Memory.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, January 19.—Oliver H. P. Belmont, wearing the highest standing collar ever seen in public, and with an air of determination, went on the witness stand in Justice Fitzgerald's court to-day and told how Colonel William D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, tried to get him to subscribe to \$5,000 of the stock of that corporation and when Mr. Belmont declined how Colonel Mann tried to "touch" him for \$2,000 cash, nor would he subscribe to "Fads and Fancies."

The banker refused to subscribe or to be touched. After that Town Topics began to print paragraphs about Mr. Belmont, which were uncomplimentary. Perry Belmont, brother of Oliver H. P., it appears, "gave up." The Colonel's sheet printed nothing but kind notices about the Perry Belmonts.

Oliver H. P. Belmont was called for the defense in the trial of Editor Norman Hapgood, of Collier's Weekly, who is accused of criminal libel by Judge Joseph M. Deuel, who is also vice-president and one of the directors and stockholders of the Town Topics Publishing Company.

Colonel's Memory Poor.

Colonel Mann had been questioned earlier in the day about having solicited Mr. Belmont for a loan. The Colonel's memory was not very good on that subject. But he was positive nothing unpleasant had appeared in Town Topics about O. H. P. Belmont just because Mr. Belmont refused to take an interest in Town Topics.

Paragraphs were cited from two numbers of Town Topics showing how Colonel Mann had roasted Oliver H. P. Belmont, while he had kept his promise to "give up" to Perry Belmont, who had "given up."

It was shown that Count Reginald Ward was lauded in Town Topics after he had bought stock from Colonel Mann. Letters written by the Colonel to Wooster, a solicitor for Fads and Fancies, were read, in which he urged his subscribers to "join Governor Murphy" of New Jersey; "ex-John A. McCall," "get after" ex-Mayor Van Wyck and J. Edward Addicks, to whose vanity Colonel Mann thought a successful appeal might be made.

Rad Day for Deuel.

Thursday wasn't a bright day for Justice Deuel. In one breath he said he never gave instructions to be notified at once by the solicitor when a person was subpoenaed to appear in court. He said he had admitted in a faint voice, when shown letters written by himself, that he gave such instructions. And the reason he gave such instructions, he said, was that he prospective subscribers might be "approached" in another way.

Right on top of all this, evidence in the shape of copies of Town Topics was handed to the jury to prove that when men like Cornelius Vanderbilt and Richard T. Wilson turned down a solicitor "unpleasant" paragraphs were printed about them.

Colonel Mann went on the stand soon after 3 o'clock. He said Justice Deuel had never been an editor. Mr. Jerome asked him: "In plain terms, was the caption of Town Topics the levying of blackmail, either for printing or withholding certain stories?"

"It was not," said the colonel, through his whiskers. That was about all of Mr. Jerome's examination. Then James W. Osborne tackled the colonel.

It was Justice Deuel's custom, he said, to visit Town Topics on Tuesday night and look over the proofs. Sometimes he made suggestions which the colonel disregarded.

Be Nice to Them.

"Did you ever give Wayne instructions to say that certain people were present at the best affairs, or that certain persons were to be free from attack?" "Certainly not," said the colonel. Mr. Osborne handed him a letter. "Colonel, please read that."

The colonel said it was in his handwriting. Osborne read this to the jury: Dear Wayne—Use enclosed notes. I have especial reasons to be nice to Mr. McCormick and Mrs. McC., and I also wish to show that Perry and Mrs. Belmont go to the best affairs here.

Colonel Mann was abroad when the letter was written.

"Here," in the letter was underscored, so it was presumed that Mr. and Mrs. Belmont were in Europe at the same time. Then the colonel identified another slip of paper as in his handwriting. It said:

T. T. (Town Topics) will be very careful of anything said about Mrs. Iman, of Atlanta. Nothing unpleasant. Let up on Henry T. Sloane.

Then came this letter, written to Moses Ellis Wooster, who solicited subscribers for "Fads and Fancies," on January 27, 1904:

My Dear Mr. Wooster: Count Reginald Ward informs me that you have 5,000 shares more of the Rico syndicate for me. I will be glad if you drop in and bring the stock or send it by registered letter.

positively rejects the matter I note what you say about Wooster, and I hope you will get him. I never heard you swear, but you must have thought cuss words when the message came out from the doctor.

Mr. Osborne read a letter from Deuel to Wooster, in which he said: I enclose a letter to Commodore Gerry. I have now touched the bottom, and I expect you to do the rest. I think you can explain to him that I believe that the man whose fads and fancies take in the betterment of the community and the well being of the human race should stand at the head in a matter of this kind. Mr. Astor, Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Whitney have been approached to see how the project would be received.

Mr. Osborne then read a letter from Justice Deuel to Wooster, saying: "You have some individuals in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington to keep you occupied."

Justice Deuel testified that Town Topics had acquired \$100,000 or more in loans from the Equitable Life Insurance Society on a mortgage on unimproved New York property held in the name of Emma Mann Vinn. The loans were made by James H. Hyde before the disclosures concerning the Equitable.

CASTRO NOW COOL TO OUR MINISTER

Seems to Resent the Efforts of Mr. Russell to Effect a Peaceable Settlement.

FRANCE DEMANDS APOLOGY

Treatment of M. Taigny Constructed As An Act of War. Naval Demonstration.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19.—Three French warships are now off the Venezuelan coast, prepared to deliver the answer of France to President Castro's treatment of M. Taigny, the French representative at Caracas, by a naval demonstration in Venezuelan waters. Two additional warships will join them as soon as they can make the trip across the Atlantic.

Meantime the delicacy of the situation at Caracas is greatly increased by news which recently reached here from the Venezuelan capital regarding the attitude President Castro now appears to be assuming to Mr. Russell, the American minister. Unless this attitude is radically modified it may be necessary to dispatch an American warship even nearer the Venezuelan coast than has already been planned.

President Castro, it is said, will be given to understand that any treatment of an American representative such as that accorded M. Taigny, will not be tolerated by the Washington government. The only cause which can be assigned here for President Castro's coolness toward Mr. Russell is that the former insists upon regarding as "insulting" and "intolerable" the efforts which Mr. Russell, acting under instructions from Washington, has made to assist in a peaceful settlement of the Franco-Venezuelan troubles.

The Programme of France.

France has adopted a simple programme for her treatment of the Venezuelan situation. It provides for an immediate and comprehensive apology by President Castro for his treatment of M. Taigny, which treatment the Paris officials regard as "insulting" and "intolerable." Until his apology is made, discussion of the claims and other grievances which France has against Venezuela will be withheld. The French government regards the action of President Castro's agents in La Guayra, in refusing to permit M. Taigny to return ashore after he had boarded a French liner as an act of war.

In continuance of the policy rigidly adhered to, Mr. Jussand, the French ambassador, who has kept the Washington government informed at every stage of the course to be pursued by France in Venezuela, he had a long conference with Secretary Taft this afternoon.

It now appears that the most important dispatches containing instructions for M. Taigny never reached him, and the supposition is that they were intercepted by the Venezuelan government. This is regarded as a very serious phase of the situation, and will be thoroughly investigated by Mr. Russell.

It can be announced that a French demonstration in Venezuelan waters under the circumstances will be viewed here with complacency.

Before the French Cabinet

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, January 19.—At a Cabinet Council held in the Elyse Palace to-day, President Loubet presiding, Premier Rouvier explained the Venezuelan situation. No indication, however, has been given out relative to the council's decisions. The Temps, in a leading article to-day, says: "President Castro probably hopes to find in the interior republics to be carried out by France a pretext for the non-fulfillment of his engagement toward others. It is, however, clear that France, whose moderation is generally approved in Europe and America, will not furnish him a pretext. She will choose a method of proceeding against Venezuela which will not hurt any one's interests, and at the same time bring to his senses this strange dictator, who in the end will be brought to account by Venezuela herself."

Statehood Bill.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, January 19.—As the result of a conference in the Speaker's room after the House met to-day, it was decided to bring up the Statehood bill in the House Wednesday of next week.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Wharton will be grieved to learn of the accident which happened to their little son, Irvine Wharton, Jr., while playing with several boys in a new building. The elevator fell on him breaking his left leg, just above the